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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Kazumi NAITO

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For: NIOBIUM POWDER, ITS SINTERED BODY, AND CAPACITOR COMPRISING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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This is a Continuation-In-Part of PCT/JP00/04753 filed July 14, 2000, amended on July 23, 2001, and U.S. Application No. 09/636,638 filed August 11, 2000, which claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/148,265 filed August 11, 1999, with the disclosures of the above noted prior applications being all incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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